

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are active. Claims 1-8 are subject to restriction wherein Claim 1 is grouped in Group I, a product claim, and claims 2-8, method claims, are grouped in Group II.

Applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 2-8, the method claims.

Applicants traverse the restriction. The basis of the restriction is that the claims lack the same or corresponding technical feature. This is not the correct criteria for determining unity of invention under 37 CFR 1.475 and PCT Rule 13.2. See 37 CFR 1.475 and MPEP 1850.

Under 37 CFR 1.475(a),

(b) "An International or a national stage application [which the present applicant is] will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn only to one of the following combinations or categories:

(1) A product and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of said product."

The elected claims 2-8, Group II, are drawn only to a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the product of claim 1, Group I. Thus, there is unity of invention between the claims under the PCT Rule 13.2, 37 CFR 1.475 and MPEP 1850. The restriction is in error and should be withdrawn as being based on incorrect criteria.

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